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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "African Elephant Con-
- 3 servation Reauthorization Act of 2001".
- 4 SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT CON-
- 5 SERVATION ACT.
- 6 Section 2306 of the African Elephant Conservation
- 7 Act (16 U.S.C. 4245) is amended by striking "1997" and
- 8 all that follows through "2002" and inserting "2001,
- 9 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007".
- 10 SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.
- 11 Section 2306 of the African Elephant Conservation
- 12 Act (16 U.S.C. 4245) is further amended—
- 13 (1) by striking "There are authorized" and in-
- serting "(a) In General.—There is authorized";
- 15 and
- 16 (2) by adding at the end the following:
- 17 "(b) Administrative Expenses.—Of amounts
- 18 available each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Sec-
- 19 retary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000,
- 20 whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses
- 21 necessary to carry out this Act.".
- 22 SEC. 4. COOPERATION.
- 23 Part I of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16
- 24 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the
- 25 end the following:

1 "SEC. 2104. ADVISORY GROUP.

- 2 "(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this
- 3 Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group con-
- 4 sisting of individuals representing public and private orga-
- 5 nizations actively involved in the conservation of African
- 6 elephants.
- 7 "(b) Public Participation.—
- 8 "(1) Meetings.—The Advisory Group shall—
- 9 "(A) ensure that each meeting of the advi-
- sory group is open to the public; and
- 11 "(B) provide, at each meeting, an oppor-
- tunity for interested persons to present oral or
- written statements concerning items on the
- 14 agenda.
- 15 "(2) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to
- the public timely notice of each meeting of the advi-
- sory group.
- 18 "(3) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of
- 19 the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary
- and shall be made available to the public.
- 21 "(c) Exemption From Federal Advisory Com-
- 22 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
- 23 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.".
- 24 SEC. 5. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.
- 25 Section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation
- 26 Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is amended by redesignating sub-

- 1 section (e) as subsection (f), and by inserting after sub-
- 2 section (d) the following:
- 3 "(e) Project Sustainability.—To the maximum
- 4 extent practical, in determining whether to approve project
- 5 proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give con-
- 6 sideration to projects that will enhance sustainable con-
- 7 servation programs to ensure effective long-term conserva-
- 8 tion of African elephants.".

9 SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

- 10 (a) Conforming and Clerical Amendments.—
- 11 The African Elephant Conservation Act is amended as fol-
- 12 lows:
- 13 (1) Section 2101(a) (16 U.S.C. 4211(a)) is
- 14 amended by striking "African Elephant Conserva-
- 15 tion".
- 16 (2) Section 2102 (16 U.S.C. 4212) is amended
- by striking the section heading and all that follows
- through "(d) Acceptance and Use of Dona-
- 19 TIONS.—" and inserting the following:

20 "SEC. 2102. ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.".

- 21 (3) Section 2304 (16 U.S.C. 4243) is repealed.
- 22 (4) Section 2305(4) (16 U.S.C. 4244(4)) is
- amended by striking "the African Elephant Con-
- servation Fund established by section 2102" and in-
- 25 serting "the account established by division A, sec-

- tion 101(e), title I of Public Law 105–277 under the
- 2 heading 'MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION
- 3 FUND'".
- 4 (b) Technical Correction.—Title I of section
- 5 101(e) of division A of Public Law 105–277 (112 Stat.
- 6 2681-237) is amended under the heading "MULTI-
- 7 NATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND" by striking
- 8 "Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I"
- 9 and inserting "Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of
- 10 1994, part I".

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2001. Attest:

Clerk.